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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: *In the Matter of The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010*, WT Docket No. 96-86 (rel. October 24, 1994).

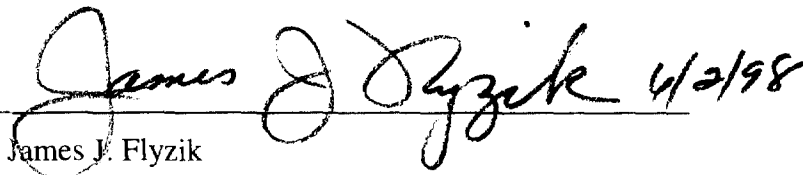
Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is an original and four (4) copies of the Comments of the Federal Law Enforcement Wireless Users Group regarding the petition filed by *The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council For Further Rulemaking To Allocate Spectrum In The 138-144 MHz Band for Public Safety*, and an accompanying Certificate of Service.

An additional copy of comments is enclosed to be stamped "received" and returned.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James J. Flyzik

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Information Systems) and
Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury, and
Vice Chair, Government Information Technology Services (GITS) Board

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COMMENTS OF THE
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WIRELESS USERS GROUP

I. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

1. The Federal Law Enforcement Wireless Users Group¹ (FLEWUG) respectfully submits the following comments² in the above-referenced proceeding regarding the *Petition Of The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) For Further Rulemaking To Allocate Spectrum In The 138-144 Mhz Band For Public Safety*. The Commission placed the NPSTC petition on public notice on May 13, 1998, and asked that within 30 days,³ June 12, 1998, all interested parties file statements either in support or opposition to the petition.

2. The FLEWUG consists of law enforcement and public safety officials from throughout the Federal Government. An important aspect of the FLEWUG's mission is to develop a plan for a future, intergovernmental, shared use, public safety wireless communications network that would allow public safety agencies to respond effectively to emergency situations and to provide public safety services in a more integrated fashion. The FLEWUG has developed a management plan that defines the goals, objectives, and actions

¹ The FLEWUG consists of law enforcement and public safety officials from the Department of the Treasury, Department of Justice, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, Department of Health and Human Services, United States Postal Service, United States Postal Inspection Service, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret Service, United States Coast Guard, United States Capitol Police, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Park Police, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, United States Mint, National Communications System, Defense Information Systems Agency, National Security Agency, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, United States Marshals Service, National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States Forest Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Federal Bureau of Prisons.

² The Department of Defense did not participate in the development of these comments.

³ See 47 CFR §1.405(a).

required to develop the network, and is implementing its plan through the Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) program. Accordingly, any development affecting public safety communications, particularly interoperability, is of interest to the FLEWUG. As an integral segment of the public safety community and an organization working to promote interoperability among all public safety officials, the FLEWUG is providing the written comments herein to ensure that the viewpoints of federal law enforcement and public safety users of spectrum are well represented.

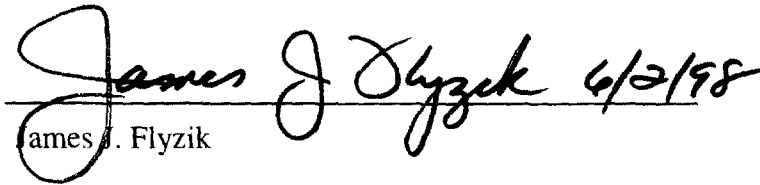
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3. The FLEWUG believes that additional allocations for public safety should be subject to existing government statutes, regulations, and policies, including those pertaining to spectrum auctions. Nonetheless, the FLEWUG shares the NPSTC concern regarding the need for additional public safety spectrum. In the FLEWUG comments and reply comments filed regarding the above mentioned proceeding,⁴ the FLEWUG stated its support for the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) recommendation suggesting that the Commission allocate a total of 97.5 MHz of spectrum for public safety. In addition, the FLEWUG also stated its support for 2.5 MHz of interoperability spectrum designated throughout public safety bands below 512 MHz.

4. The FLEWUG continues to consider the development of operational, technical, and spectrum requirements to be crucial to the public safety community, and appreciates the Commission's interest and commitment toward their proper implementation.

⁴ See *In the Matter of the Development of Operational, Technical, and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State, and Local Public Safety Agencies Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 96-86, released October 24, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,


James J. Flyzik

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Information Systems) and
Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury, and
Vice Chair, Government Information Technology Services (GITS) Board

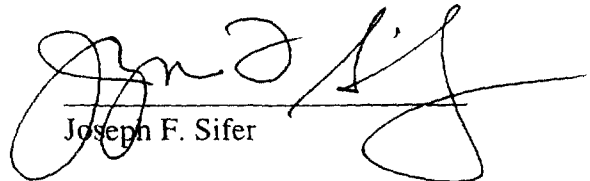
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I, Joseph F. Sifer, Senior Associate, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean, Virginia, 22102-3838, hereby certify that on June 1, I caused to be served, by first-class mail, postage prepaid (or by hand where noted) copies of the Federal Law Enforcement Wireless Users Group's comments *In the Matter of The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010*, WT Docket No. 96-86 (rel. October 24, 1994), the original of which is filed herewith and upon the parties identified on the attached service list.

DATED at Fair Oaks, Virginia this 1st day of June, 1998.


Joseph F. Sifer

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